

# Morgan Conservation District

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## Fall 2021 Newsletter

### Office Update

We are no longer in the office during regular business hours. If you need to contact us or pick up supplies, please reach out at 970-427-3362 or email us at [morganconservationdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:morganconservationdistrict@gmail.com).

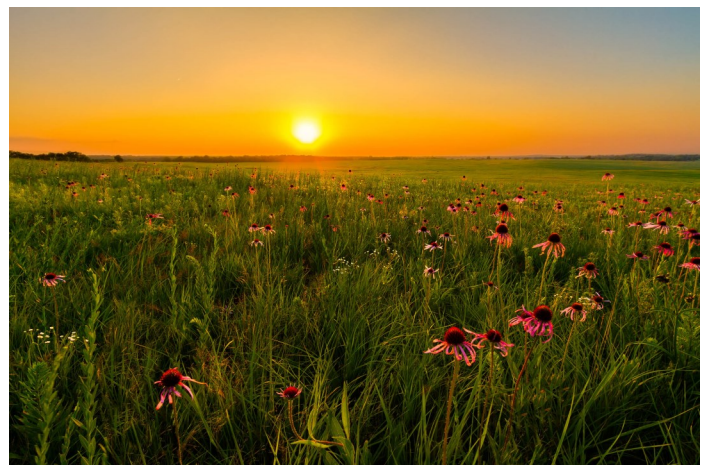


### Conservation Tree Seedling Sales

We are still in the process of finalizing 2021-2022 tree inventories and prices. We expect to have inventories and orders available mid-November. We will be sending an email update to our email list when everything is ready, so if you aren't subscribed to our email list please contact us to do so! If you are interested in certain species for this season, please contact us so we can try to order them. Orders will be placed online, via phone, or email this year, and delivery will be in Spring 2022.

### Grass Seed Sales

Did you know that we offer grass seed for sale? Seed can be used for CRP, pollinator plantings, or general erosion control/cover. We work with a local grass seed dealer to ensure timely delivery of all mixes. If you are interested in ordering a custom mix, please contact our office!



# Boot Brush Kiosk Installations

Have you ever been out walking and noticed all of the prickly, little thorns getting stuck in your shoes? You probably ran into Puncturevine, or more commonly known as Goatheads. These small nuisances are just one of the many noxious weeds native to Colorado. Noxious weeds are invasive species which can severely impact



the native plant life and habitat. Species like Puncturevine travel and spread through those annoying thorns, from the trail, to your shoes, to your backyard, to your local park, and so on. Soon, they can be everywhere and quickly wipe out the native plant species. That is why it is important to be aware of what noxious weeds you may be spreading while you are out hiking, walking, or enjoying the outdoors. The new boot brush kiosk at Riverside Park is a joint effort between the City of Fort Morgan Parks Department and Morgan Conservation District to target and combat noxious weeds in the park.

*City of Fort Morgan Parks Department Employees installing the Boot Brush Kiosk*

The kiosk is installed at the West entrance to the Nature Trail. We encourage the public to use the kiosk before, but especially after, exiting the Nature Trail so as to reduce the potential spread of noxious weeds. This installation is a part of the Colorado Department of Agriculture's Boot Brush Kiosk project.





This is a great opportunity to explore new ideas in the world of agriculture. Speakers include educators, industry professionals, government officials as well as farmers and ranchers like you!



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# Colorado Association of Conservation Districts

## CACD 77th Annual Meeting Agenda November 15– 19th, 2021

### Water, Energy Education/Urban Interface

Resource  
Committee  
Meeting

November 15  
6:30 PM

### Soil & Land

Resource  
Committee  
Meeting

November 16  
6:30 PM

### District Outlook & Financial

Resource  
Committee  
Meeting

November 17  
6:30 PM

### CACD Membership Business Meeting

November 18  
6:00 PM

\*Presentation: 2020 NRCS/  
CSCB/CACD Partnership Video

Determine Quorum,

Read/Approve 2020 Minutes  
CACD Financial Review 2020/  
Financial Update 2021/2022

Budget Approval

CACD Bylaws and Policy Book  
Review

Resource Committee Reports

Reading of 2021 Resolutions -

Voting on 2021 Resolutions

Thank You/Adjourn

### NEWCOMERS MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 4:00-5:00 PM

### **AWARDS CEREMONY & POSTER CONTEST**

**November 19th**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Resource Committee Meetings  
& Membership Meeting  
**ALL VIRTUAL & ALL FREE!**

General Assembly Membership  
Meeting & Resolution Voting!  
**YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

# Conservation Stewardship Program Requirements

NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) helps you build on your existing conservation efforts while strengthening your operation. Whether you are looking to improve grazing conditions, increase crop resiliency, or develop wildlife habitat, we can custom design a CSP plan to help you meet those goals. We can help you identify natural resource problems in your operation and provide technical and financial assistance to solve those problems or attain higher stewardship levels in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner. For example, we can look at ways to address the amount of soil lost; mitigate the impact of excess water; reduce the contribution of agricultural operations to airborne soil particles and greenhouse gas emissions; improve the cover, food, and water available for domestic and wildlife species; or promote energy efficiencies for on-farm activities. If you are already taking steps to improve the condition of the land, chances are CSP can help you find new ways to meet your goals.

The following is a list of items required with your application in order to be considered.

- FSA farm records must be updated for the applicants AGI, 1026, HEL. Entity documents must be in place prior to application that outlines signature authority.
- Maps must be presented with the application including acres and land-use
- Lease agreements must be presented with the application outlining the years the applicant has control of the land and must cover the length of the contract period.
- Landowner concurrence forms must be submitted with application
- Baseline farming practices i.e. tillage, nutrient mgmt., pest mgmt., water mgmt., Range mgmt. practices must be presented with the application i.e. number of cattle, rotation etc.



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If you have any further questions regarding the CSP program or signup periods, please contact our office at 970-867-8568 ext. 3

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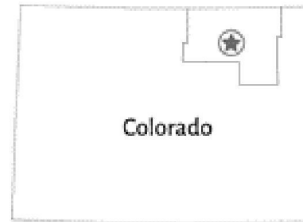


## New Private Lands Wildlife Biologist in the Fort Morgan NRCS office

Justin Lambert is a Private Lands Wildlife Biologist working in partnership with Bird Conservancy of the Rockies and USDA-NRCS. He works with landowners to transition expired CRP to grazing, implement habitat enhancement projects, identify wildlife-habitat potential and recommend practices that maintain or increase agricultural production while creating beneficial wildlife habitat. Justin has worked in wildlife and rangeland conservation throughout the Great Plains from northern Montana to southeastern Colorado. He’s currently completing his Masters of Natural Resources from University of Idaho. Justin serves Weld, Morgan, Logan, and Washington counties and he’d appreciate the opportunity to learn about your operation and hopefully work together in the future!

### Contact:

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### Bird Conservancy of the Rockies’ Approach

We believe healthy wildlife habitat and healthy human communities can more than just co-exist – they can thrive with proper management and stewardship. Our biologists work alongside NRCS staff in local communities to build trust and foster proactive, voluntary conservation efforts with private landowners.

We help identify solutions that fit landowner needs, and also funding options and assistance for on-the-ground habitat enhancement projects to benefit the conservation of at-risk wildlife species through promotion of proactive, voluntary conservation

It’s a win-win for birds and people. A diversity of wildlife habitats are improved to contribute to populations of songbirds, grouse, waterbirds and other wildlife, while farms and ranches remain working lands that support families, communities and a rural way of life.



# Farm



# Fresh

## Available Now...

### *Squash*

From comforting soups to savory side dishes, squash is a fall favorite. There are many varieties of winter squash including acorn, banana, buttercup, butternut, golden nugget, spaghetti, sweet dumpling and turban.

Winter squash is nutritious, providing vitamins A and C, potassium and fiber. When choosing a squash, select one that has a hard tough rind and that is heavy for its size.



Look for fresh Colorado squash at your local grocery store or at restaurants across the state.

Each month the Colorado Department of Agriculture features a different commodity to highlight the variety and quality of products grown in the state.

Visit [www.coloradoagriculture.com](http://www.coloradoagriculture.com) for a complete list of recipes.

## Butternut Squash Soup

*Chef Jason K. Morse, CEC, 5280 Culinary, LLC and  
Ace Hardware Grill Expert*

- 2 Tbsp. Olive Oil
- 1-1/2 ea. Yellow Onion, diced small
- 2 Stalks Celery, with leaves, diced small
- 2 ea. Carrots, diced small
- 3 ea. Yukon Gold Potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 ea. Butternut Squash, seeded, roasted, chilled and peeled
- 48 fl. oz. Chicken Broth
- 1 tsp. Herbs de Provence
- Kosher Salt to taste
- Ground Black Pepper to taste
- Pumpkin Pie Spice to taste
- 1-1/2 cups Whipping Cream

Heat large sauté pan, add oil and heat, then add the onions and cook until caramelized. Add the celery, carrot and potato and cook until the celery is translucent. Add herbs and spices, squash and broth, then bring mixture to a boil, turn down and simmer until all vegetables are soft. Using a hand blender puree the mixture until smooth. Finish with the heavy cream and adjust seasonings as needed. Great served with pumpkin spice bread.

Enjoy with a Colorado wine, such as a glass of Gewurztraminer, from Stone Cottage Cellars, located in Paonia, Colorado.

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